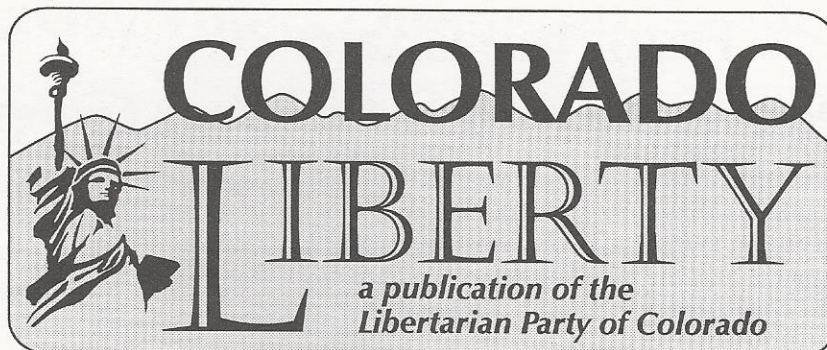


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Westminster Honors LP's 25th Anniversary

by Larry Hoffenberg, LPC Public Information Director

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Libertarian Party in Westminster, Colorado, the date August 15, 1996 was proclaimed "Libertarian Party Day" in the city of the party's birthplace by the Westminster City Council.

On Aug. 12th, an official Proclamation commemorating the event was presented by the city council to Libertarian Party of Colorado board members Bette Rose Smith, Cooper Jager and W. Earl Allen, who accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the national Libertarian Party and its 125,000 registered voters. Allen is also the Libertarian Party candidate for the 2nd U.S. Congressional District, which includes the city of Westminster.

The *Rocky Mountain News* covered the "Libertarian Party Day" event with photo and story, including comments from LP Founder David Nolan, in whose apartment on Lowell Boulevard the genesis of the Libertarian Party took place. Nolan, now a resident of Mission Viejo, Calif., commented, "That August meeting in 1971 happened to be on the 15th, the night Nixon came on television and announced a wage-prize freeze.

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Cooper Jager, Bette Rose Smith, and Earl Allen with Westminster's official Libertarian Party Day Proclamation. Photo by Larry Hoffenberg.

Browne, Jorgensen Campaign in Colorado

by Ron Bain, Colorado Liberty Editor

Libertarian running mates Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen are both campaigning in Colorado throughout the month of September and into October, bringing their message of "Huge Tax Cuts Now! Huge Spending Cuts Now! A Balanced Budget Now!" to voters all over the state.

Libertarian Vice Presidential nominee Jo Jorgensen is scheduled to arrive first: shaking hands at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo on Sept. 1st; rallying San Luis Valley Libertarians in Alamosa's Forbes Park on September 2nd; speaking on Sept. 3rd at a dinner and reception at the Alamosa Inn in downtown Alamosa; and, talking to Marty Nalitz on KNUS at noon on Sept. 4th.

Libertarian Presidential nominee Harry Browne will fly into Denver International Airport the evening of Sept. 16th (it would be great to see 500 maniacally enthusiastic Libertarians

greet him there!). There remain a limited number of tickets for Browne's keynote speech at a semiformal, \$50-a-plate fund-raising dinner at the Boulder Broker Inn on Sept. 17th; cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Leroy Jones, owner of Boulder's Freedom Cabs, will introduce Browne as a sell-out crowd of 215 dines on prime rib, salmon or pasta primavera. For more information about the Boulder event, call Michele Bethke at (303) 860-1412, Bette Rose Smith at (303) 266-6118 or Deb Bishop at (303) 988-6827

Browne will spend Sept. 18th and 19th entertaining the local media and conducting his unrelenting schedule of daily radio talk show interviews. Then, on Sept. 20th, Browne travels to Aspen for a \$35-a-plate fund-raising dinner at the Snowmass

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From the Chair:

Now Is the Time to Give Your Energy and Dollars to the LP!

I'd like to send huge thanks to all of you who are working very hard on Libertarian Party issues as the excitement and momentum builds toward the fall election. We are having an impact: the media uses the word libertarian more than ever before, and they often quote people saying "I'm Libertarian on that issue."

These months right before the presidential election are possibly the most important time for the Libertarian Party *until the next presidential election 4 years away*. Whatever energy, time, or money you plan on giving to the Libertarian Party, the most effective time to do so is now and through the election on November 5. People lose interest in politics the day after the election.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado has had lots of excitement and tremendous accomplishments to report as the result of *your* efforts in the past months. Here are some examples:

- Nine Libertarian Party candidates will be on the ballot this fall thanks to heroic efforts from those who collected the needed signatures and thanks to those who decided to run.
- We accomplished the absolutely huge project of creating and staffing the first-ever Libertarian Party booth at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo. It was a marathon for volunteers through rain and shine from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. for the entire 17 days of the fair. There was much behind-the-scenes preparation by Doug Anderson, Bette Rose Smith, and Deb Bishop. Gary Sandritter attracted many volunteers to a kickoff picnic and orientation on how to run a successful booth (was it the free lunch?) The State Fair Project could not have been done without the

tremendous turnout of over 75 people who took their turn at staffing the booth! Thank you; you are making a real difference!

- Our fun 25th Anniversary Picnic, organized by Boulder Chair Chris Bogart, attracted a reporter and photographer from the *Rocky Mountain News* and resulted in a nice story on August 5.
- The City of Westminster proclaimed August 15, 1996 as "Libertarian Party Day" in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Libertarian Party in their city. Three of our Board members accepted the proclamation.
- We have been planning speeches, seminars, rallies, talk shows, TV interviews, campaign fund-raising dinners, "Browne vs. The Board of Education" before a CU football game, and all the events associated with our presidential nominee Harry Browne's visit to Colorado Sept. 17-21 and our vice-presidential nominee Jo Jorgensen's visits to Colorado Sept. 1-3 and again in mid-October.
- Will Harry Browne be invited to debate Clinton/Dole? We are writing letters and collecting signatures to help get Harry Browne into the presidential debates; if we are successful with this we will have changed the political landscape dramatically!
- We have a web site thanks to the hard work of Mike Ossmann and the guidance from Larry Hoffenberg. Check it out at <http://www.pageplus/~lpcolorado>.
- We are joining forces with Citizens Opposed to the Stadium Tax (COST) and offering support from the Libertarian Party.
- A ballot position challenge is being led for the Libertarian Party by attorney William Zimsky.
- The media is contacting us for information about the Libertarian Party!

Can it be any more fun than this? Well, yes! Join us for an elegant Presidential Dinner and Fund-raiser with Harry Browne at the Boulder Broker at 7:00 PM on Tues. Sept. 17, 1996. (Details on page 1.)

In Liberty,
Sandra Johnson, Libertarian Party of Colorado State Chair

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Coalition Registering Gay Voters During AIDSwalk

A multipartisan coalition of Libertarians, Democrats and Republicans has formed to encourage young gays and lesbians to register to vote during the AIDSwalk event scheduled for September 8th in Denver.

Called QueerVote '96, the coalition consists of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, the Colorado Stonewall Democrats, and the gay and lesbian caucus of the Colorado Republicans. Volunteers wearing QueerVote '96 T-shirts will approach those marching in the AIDSwalk and register them to vote when appropriate. Chris Bogart, chair of the LP of Boulder County, is organizing this outreach effort for the LPC—call him at 449-6327 or send e-mail to cbogart@quetzal.com to volunteer.

"Respecting the choices of consenting adults is at the core of our philosophy, and we should be a natural choice for gay and lesbian voters," Bogart remarked.

The Libertarian Party advocates the elimination of all laws prohibiting same-sex marriages; in fact, Libertarians believe that marriage is an agreement between two individuals that has nothing to do with the government.

"If two adults want to legally say 'I do,' the government shouldn't have the right to say 'No, you don't,'" commented national Libertarian Party Chairman Steve Dasbach to the national press recently. "Marriage should be a private contract between two consenting adults and their church. Intolerant laws shouldn't be a part of the picture."

QueerVote '96 is not limiting its activities to the AIDSwalk registration effort. Registration tables, QueerVote posters and displays of Voter Registration Cards will be set up at participating businesses to encourage ongoing registration of gays and lesbians until the Sept. 22nd deadline. The Libertarian Party logo is prominently visible on the QueerVote posters, thanks to \$100 raised by Bogart.

"I think it's good publicity for us, since I think we're not generally very well known in the gay community," Bogart said.

Volunteers who participate will be invited to a beer bust party at Charlie's, a gay country bar in Denver.

Calendar of Events

Special events are in bold type.

September

- 2 San Luis Valley LP, Welcome Cocktail Party and Fund-Raiser for Libertarian VP Candidate Jo Jorgensen, Forbes Park, Alamosa; call Bob Johnson for reservations at (719) 379-2767.
- 3 San Luis Valley LP, Welcome for Libertarian VP Candidate Jo Jorgensen, 2 p.m. seminar at Adams State College, 5 p.m. reception and dinner at the Alamosa Inn, 1920 Main Street in Alamosa; call Bob Johnson for reservations at (719) 379-2767.
- 3 Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Tony's, 224 South College, 7 a.m. Speaker. Pat Hartman, (970) 224-3116.
- 3 Denver Activists Meeting, Denny's, Santa Fe & Alameda, 7 p.m. Bert Wiener, (303) 934-3245.
- 4 LPC Board of Directors meeting, LPC office, 720 E. 18th, Denver, 6:30 p.m. Party members are welcome.
- 4 & 18 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center. Bruce Lockhart, (970) 223-7504.
- 5 **Jury Rights Protest & Rally, UMC Fountain, CU Campus, Boulder, 12:15 p.m. Everyone attend — call Ron Bain at (303) 443-9179 for more information.**
- 9 & 23 Aurora LP, Shoney's, 13700 E. Mississippi, 7 p.m. Doug Newman, (303) 363-4172.
- 10 Summit County LP. Call John Sabal at (970) 262-6369 for details.
- 11 Adams County Libertarians, Coco's at Northglenn Mall, 104th & I-25, 7 p.m. Earl Allen, (303) 254-4978.
- 11 & 25 Routt County Common Sense Club, Overlook Lodge, Steamboat Springs, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jahelka, (970) 879-4127.
- 16 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Dinner Club, China Dragon Restaurant, 1401 W. Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Mary Margaret, (970) 484-8184.
- 17 **Harry Browne Dinner, Boulder Broker Restaurant, 7 p.m. Cocktail party at 6 p.m. RSVP to Michele Bethke, (303) 860-1412, BetteRose, (303) 266-6118, or Deb Bishop, (303) 988-6827.**
- 18 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
- 19 Jefferson County LP, Denny's Restaurant, 565 Union Blvd., 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Jerry Hatch, (303) 421-3675.
- 20 San Luis Valley LP Monthly Meeting, Alamosa Inn, 1920 Main St. in Alamosa, dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bob Johnson, (719) 379-2767.

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- 21 **Harry Browne speaks to Denver Executive Club, Denver. Call Deb Bishop at (303) 988-6827 for more information.**

- 26 Aspen Liberty Coalition, Pitkin County Library, 7 p.m. Tom Peckham, (970) 925-6027.

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- 15 **Libertarian Candidates' Forum, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Libertarian Party.**
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From the Editor:

Include Harry Browne in the Debates!

The drumbeat echoes and grows, resounds and careens off the awakening ears of sleepy media giants across the land: Include Libertarian candidate Harry Browne in the presidential debates!

Three major metropolitan newspapers, two influential political columnists and more than 100 talk radio hosts all agree that Browne should be invited to debate Bob Dole and Bill Clinton, whether Ross Perot is included or not.

Browne's inclusion in the debates has been endorsed by the *Denver Post*, the *Times Herald-Record* in Middletown, New York, and the *Sunday Review* in Hayward, California; by syndicated columnists such as David Broder, Joseph Perkins and Colman McCarthy; television commentators such as Mona Charen, Bill Press and (almost) Rush Limbaugh; and a plethora of talk radio hosts including Oliver North.

Perot was included in the 1992 debates when polls showed him at only 7% approval. We're still waiting on poll results commissioned by the Browne campaign, but I'm confident in estimating that Browne is already at 5% to 7% based on the following facts: *Talkers* magazine has rated Browne the fifth most talked about man on talk radio, and the Libertarian nominee has been dubbed the "President of Cyberspace" because of his dominance in Internet polls.

I predict that the media, if Browne is included in the presidential debates, will suddenly "discover" the Libertarian Party and start carrying unprecedented coverage of Libertarian candidates and ideas. But it will only happen if Browne is included in the debates.

"Isn't it odd that Harry Browne is dominating talk radio...while his campaign continues to be overlooked by mainstream newspapers and television news?" asks Browne's campaign director, Sharon Ayres. "Is Harry Browne being deliberately ignored, or is the rest of the media just slow to catch on to this genuine grass roots political phenomenon?"

As Libertarians, we must do everything we can to increase Harry Browne's name recognition in the next few weeks, assuring his presence at the debates to be held at the end of this month: place Harry Browne bumper stickers, yard signs and buttons prominently; write letters to the editor of every local newspaper demanding Harry's inclusion; call radio talk shows and

divert the discussion to Harry Browne and the need to include him in the debates; tell everybody you know to attend the Harry Browne events in Colorado during September; buy extra copies now of *Why Government Doesn't Work* to make it a best seller; tell friends and neighbors about the Great Trade.

Don't believe the old cliché that individuals are powerless to change the political circumstances in America. You can make a difference, and if the difference you make helps Harry Browne be included in the debates, you might see positive, libertarian changes in this nation for years to come!

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Juror Held in Contempt for Jury Nullification Attempt

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Gilpin County, Colo. — In a case that threatens to destroy trial by jury, a Gilpin County judge has charged a juror with contempt of court for deliberating "improperly" in a jury room. The prosecution of this juror threatens the very foundations of American justice by inquiring into confidential jury deliberations and forcing jurors to testify against each other.

The juror is Laura Kriho, a Gilpin County resident, who was summoned for jury duty on May 13. Ms. Kriho was seated on the jury in the case of a 19 year old female defendant charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Ms. Kriho and the other jurors listened to 2 days of testimony on the case and were sent to the jury room to deliver a verdict.

The jury was hung on the possession charge. Eleven jurors wanted to convict the defendant, but Ms. Kriho said she had reasonable doubts that the defendant was guilty. The deliberations in the jury room reportedly became very heated. Ms. Kriho claims several of the jurors began verbally attacking her and ridiculing her reasonable doubt.

One juror sent a note to the presiding judge, Kenneth Barnhill, alleging that Ms. Kriho had told the other jurors what sentences the defendant would face if convicted. Based on this note, and with no other investigation, Judge Barnhill declared the jury had been tainted and declared a mistrial.

On July 19, Ms. Kriho received a citation for contempt of court. The citation alleges that Ms. Kriho should be held in

contempt of court for 1) disobedience to an order of the court, 2) obstructing the administration of justice, and 3) committing perjury by lying under oath to the Judge and the attorneys.

The citation alleges that Ms. Kriho disobeyed a court order by discussing sentences in her deliberations. The Judge had instructed the jury to deliberate only on the facts of the case and not to consider sentences. However, Ms. Kriho insists that she ultimately voted to acquit because she had reasonable doubts as to the defendant's guilt based on the facts of the case as presented by the prosecution.

The prosecutor in the case, James Stanley, apparently was so angered at Ms. Kriho's alleged behavior in the jury room that he had an investigator look into her background. The investigator uncovered the fact that Ms. Kriho had received a felony drug conviction in 1984. Ms. Kriho had received a deferred sentence on that charge and says it was her understanding that when she successfully completed two years of probation, the conviction would be wiped from her record as if it had never happened.

Ms. Kriho claims she was never asked during voir dire about her arrest record. However, the prosecutor feels she should have volunteered that information without being specifically asked, and now feels that she committed perjury.

The investigator also interviewed several of Ms. Kriho's fellow jurors after the mistrial was declared. These jurors alleged that,

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We looked at each other and said, 'That does it...' At that moment, we were galvanized into action to start a new party."

Republican City Councilors Gary Smith and Glen Scott spearheaded the effort to recognize the Libertarian Party's 25th anniversary after watching television coverage of the party's presidential nominating convention, held last month in Washington, D.C.

The official Proclamation recognizing "Libertarian Party Day" reads:

WHEREAS, The Libertarian Party birthplace was Westminster, Colo. 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, A group of five young Republicans met in David Nolan's Westminster residence and decided to start a new party on August 15, 1971; and

WHEREAS, In spite of the extremely long odds against them, this group of people attempted to offer a wider range of choices in politics; and

WHEREAS, The Libertarian Party has been the greatest success story of its kind; and

WHEREAS, The Libertarian Party has grown to be America's third largest political party; and

WHEREAS, The Libertarian Party's strength and support are approximately equal to that of all other alternative parties combined

NOW, THEREFOR, The Westminster City Council does hereby proclaim August 15, 1996 as: "Libertarian Party Day" in the City of Westminster, Colorado to acknowledge the beginning of the Libertarian Party in the City of Westminster and recognizes the 25th anniversary of the Libertarian Party.

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Aitken Stresses Efficiency in RTD Run

by Ron Bain, *Colorado Liberty Editor*

David Aitken, who has run for more elective offices than any other Colorado Libertarian, is seeking election to the Regional Transportation District Board of Directors in District A, which includes the Capitol Hill and downtown neighborhoods of Denver.

A developer of budgeting software used by large-scale businesses, Aitken believes that his knowledge of high-volume budgeting and business performance analysis will allow the RTD board to operate more efficiently. Thorough analysis of rider volume and distribution, costs incurred and pricing would result in figures easier to understand and work with, Aitken explained.

"It's much easier to tell if something's wrong if you're looking at unit figures instead of the overall," the 49-year-old owner of Gilt Edge Software remarked. Analysis of this sort finds waste and discrepancies and assists in controlling and managing budgets, Aitken continued, noting that analytical procedures usually save businesses about 10% of their budgets. For RTD, that 10% would equal \$25 million in annual savings.

"If they had been saving that kind of money the last five years, they'd have the money to build the southwest (light rail) corridor. The thing could be up and running by now," Aitken said, without any additional funding sources.

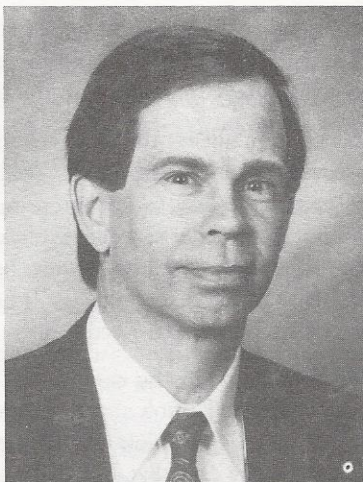
He got interested in the RTD budget process about 18 months ago, the candidate explained, during the public hearings for the 1996 RTD budget. His review of the 20-page document revealed several line items that included built-in increases for inflation that varied between 3.5% and 9.5%.

"That points out a lack of control over the budgeting process," Aitken asserted. Regarding another budget line item, Aitken noted that the cost of diesel fuel is dropping as expected in 1996, but RTD fuel expenditures remain consistently budgeted at almost \$4.5 billion. Is RTD consuming 25% more gallons of diesel fuel or just stockpiling reserve funds, Aitken wondered.

"Nobody's asked that question, because that number's buried. You have to dig for it," he remarked. There's also been no measurement of budget variances in RTD's analyses so far, Aitken added. "You want to know—was I under budget or over budget?"

Aitken wants to revamp RTD budget procedures and examine cost-saving measures such as using smaller buses on less popular routes, allowing jitney and private taxi services, and reconsidering RTD's commitment to a federally funded light-rail system.

"Remember that the federal government is broke. They don't have money for light rail or anything else," he said. "To get a



mass transit system that really works, we're going to have to get rid of all these subsidies and let the marketplace determine what the form of transportation is."

Aitken ran for governor in 1990 representing the Libertarian Party, and had previously run for State House District 6 in 1986 and 1988 as a Libertarian. Although the RTD race is nonpartisan, Aitken is making no secret of his political affiliation.

Regarding the current debate about restricting passenger appearance and behavior on RTD buses, Aitken said he could support reasonable restrictions against drunken or half-clothed ridership. "You don't like the rules, you don't ride" would be the policy if RTD were a private company, he explained. "My constituents' concern is security."

Aitken said he would hold the other RTD board members to the Colorado Sunshine Laws and the RTD Charter regarding the conducting of secret or unannounced meetings. "I hope I can bring a modicum of maturity and dignity to the RTD board."

If elected, Aitken will join Dan Gallegos, another Libertarian, on the RTD board. Incumbent Libertarian Republican board member David Bishop is not running for reelection.

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Wright Continues Activism in State House Race

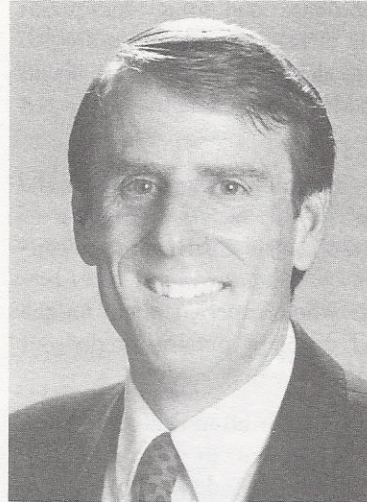
by Larry Hoffenberg, LPC Public Information Director

Chuck Wright, a long-time Libertarian activist in the Boulder/Louisville area, is continuing a 10-year history of fighting against taxation with a secure ballot position in the race for State House District 13.

Secretary of State Victoria Buckley announced that Wright had submitted sufficient valid petition signatures to secure his place on the November ballot. He's running against two virtually unknown opponents, Democrat Mark Udall and Republican Drew Bolwin.

"I think I've got more name recognition than any of the other candidates do," Wright commented recently.

As a Boulder County activist committed to fighting tax increases, Wright has found many opportunities to fight tax proposals in the tax-happy Boulder Valley: the C-470 highway extension; the 1992 school bond proposal; and, a lawsuit filed against Boulder County, the City of Boulder and the Boulder Valley School District for violations of the Bruce Amendment, which was unfavorably decided by the U.S. Supreme court.



"Republicans and Democrats offer only one solution to Colorado's problems: bigger government. But Republican and Democratic big government programs haven't worked," Wright said. "Welfare hasn't reduced the number of poor people, but it has succeeded in creating a permanent dependent class. The drug war hasn't taken drugs off the streets, but it has turned out cities into war

zones. We spend billions on education, we produce illiterates and drop-outs."

Wright, 38, is employed by Advantis, Inc. as a telecommunications systems programmer. He holds a master's degree in Telecommunications from PACE University in White Plains, N.Y., and a bachelors degree in Computer Science from New Mexico State University. A resident of Louisville since 1986, Wright enjoys bicycling, fishing and camping.

"I recognize that government can't give us anything it hasn't first taken away from us. We can solve our own problems. We don't need politicians who pretend they can solve our problems if only they can take more of our money.

"To enable Coloradans to solve their own problems, we must first give them the means to do so by abolishing the Colorado state income tax. If elected, I will introduce legislation to abolish the state income tax and I will vote against every proposal to raise taxes.

"I can't promise that I'll be able to get the rest of the legislature to go along with me. But I can guarantee I will be the loudest voice in the legislature for smaller government and lower taxes," Wright stated.

The Louisville Libertarian's campaign has received favorable coverage from the Louisville Times/Lafayette News, and his past activism has received front-page coverage in metro area newspapers.

Wright has distributed more than 10,000 Libertarian flyers within his district (which includes Gunbarrel, Louisville, Nederland, Niwot, Superior and the Boulder County portion of Broomfield), and thinks he has a serious chance of winning.

Wright is willing to spend a dollar of his own money for every four donated dollars, up to a personal limit of \$20,000. To donate funds or volunteer, contact the Committee to Elect Chuck Wright at (303) 666-0509.

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during deliberations, Ms. Kriho discussed some ideas about jury nullification and the rights of jurors to vote according to their conscience. The jurors also alleged that Ms. Kriho stated an opinion that drug cases should be handled by the family and community, and not the courts.

Ms. Kriho believes that she was a fair and impartial juror to the defendant and that she weighed the facts of the case as instructed by the judge. She says she is in shock about the contempt charges. "I tried to do my job as juror well. I had never been on a jury before, and the whole experience was unique and very stressful. Now I feel I am being unfairly singled-out and punished for coming up with the wrong verdict."

Paul Grant, who is representing Ms. Kriho in this case, warns that the prosecution of his client threatens to destroy the jury system. "Jurors must be able to deliberate independently of the judge, without the threat of criminal prosecution hanging over their heads," said Grant.

This prosecution has the potential to poison the attitudes of citizens toward jury duty even further. Citizens will not only be reluctant to serve on a jury, but fearful of criminal charges as well. Once on the jury, they will be afraid to discuss their true thoughts with the other jurors for fear of prosecution.

The right to trial by jury, protected under the Sixth Amendment, was deemed important by our Founding Fathers specifically because it prevents abuses of power by overzealous judges and prosecutors. If jurors are prosecuted for their deliberations, no defendant can ever expect a fair and impartial trial by jury.

Ms. Kriho's four day jury trial has been set to begin on September 30. She faces an open-ended prison sentence which could exceed 6 months and an unlimited fine.

A legal defense fund has been set up to help pay the legal expenses of this trial. Checks can be made to the: Laura Kriho Legal Defense Fund, c/o Paul Grant, P.O. Box 1272, Parker, CO 80134

What you can do:

1.) Donate to the legal defense fund.

Legal expenses for this trial are estimated at \$10,000. This is a is an important case to all those who value their constitutional rights. It is important to fight it well.

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- 6.) Sign on to the statement of support written below. It would be especially beneficial to have organizations who have an interest in this case sign on to the statement of support. If you belong to a group, please bring it up at your next meeting.

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The People of the State of Colorado vs. Laura Kriho, Case #96CR91

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Hill Expects Victory in 3-Way Lake County Race

by Ron Bain, Colorado Liberty Editor

Carol Stuckey Hill, who lost a 1995 race for Leadville City Council by only 16 votes, expects to become the highest ranking elected Libertarian in Colorado this November by winning a seat on the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

"I think I have a really good chance," Hill commented recently. "I've got the support of an old-time Republican who from here on out is going to be a good Libertarian."



The Republican-turned-Libertarian she refers to is Hill's campaign manager, Shawn Griffith, who's helping out with door-to-door flyer distribution, direct mail efforts and media relations. The weekly *Leadville Herald-Democrat*—the only media outlet in town—has treated her candidacy "very fairly, just like the other candidates," Hill said.

As the name of the newspaper might indicate, Lake County and Leadville are Democratic strongholds "because this is an old union town," she explained. There are fewer registered Republicans in Lake County than unaffiliateds because Democrats have historically dominated the county and "you need to be a Democrat to participate."

For that reason, Hill, who currently serves on the Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission, is not stressing her Libertarian affiliation greatly. Instead, she is stressing pocketbook issues such as land use, economic growth and Lake County's overwhelming tax burden.

"Government has been the only growth industry in Lake County since the Climax mine shut down" and quit producing molybdenum, Hill observed. Assessed valuations continue to go down and mill levies continue to increase. New zoning regulations and a hospital tax district haven't helped the county economy recover from its downturn, she said.

Hill plans to show the county residents how lowering the tax burden will stimulate growth in the county's economy. She'll also stress how property rights are fundamentally tied to political rights.

Hill's primary opponent is the Democratic incumbent, Jim Martin, former mayor of Leadville. Hill believes Martin is vulnerable to defeat because "there are more and more new residents here" and they've brought a "feeling that things need to change."

A resident of Leadville since 1993, Carol is the co-owner of the Rocky Bottom Bar with her husband, Howard Hill. Prior to moving to Lake County, she worked for North American Van Lines in Boulder.

Candidate Hill attended a chamber of commerce candidates' forum in early August, briefly introducing herself to Lake County voters and responding to questions. Other public appearances will follow as the November election approaches, and if donations arrive, newspaper ads will be designed and placed. For more information, or to donate money or time, contact Carol Stuckey Hill at (719) 486-3130.

Browne, Jorgensen in Colorado,

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Lodge. On Sept. 21st, Browne returns to Denver to speak at the Denver Executive Club.

In mid-October, Jorgensen will be the guest of honor at an Oct. 14th ladies' tea in Denver and has been invited to appear at the Jefferson County LP's Candidates' Forum on Oct. 15th.

Other last-minute events may be scheduled for the two candidates, as their Colorado itinerary remains subject to alterations or modifications at press time.

Calling Bob Dole's proposed 15% tax cut "Libertarian Lite," Browne has recently lambasted the Dole-Kemp GOP ticket for spending "a combined 50-plus years in Washington, D.C. voting for spending and tax increases."

"Dole is always willing to vote to raise taxes; Kemp never wants to vote to reduce spending. It's an ideal match," Browne commented in August. "Kemp supports tax cuts to trick Americans into becoming more efficient and enthusiastic producers of tax revenue for the government. Kemp has no principled opposition to big government, and while in Congress he almost never voted to cut any government program. Instead he keeps hoping that government revenues will grow faster than the government spending he supports."

On the other hand, President Bill Clinton and his bipartisan supporters in Congress are using the recent explosion of TWA Flight 800 and the Olympic bombing to try to pass a "wish list" of unconstitutional legislation under the guise of fighting terrorism, Browne explained.

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Jefferson County Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party of Jefferson County is planning a candidates' forum for all of Colorado's Libertarian candidates to take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15th at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard.

"The idea is to present the entire slate of candidates, not only to the faithful who will benefit by seeing what activism can do," said LPJC Chairman Jerry Hatch, "but also to the unfamiliar public, whose support we need to enlist to make meaningful changes in governance."

Additional details will be announced in the *Colorado Liberty*.

The Jefferson County LP affiliate has also mailed letters to the principals of 14 JeffCo high schools, asking for permission to contact social studies and government teachers to advise them of the availability of Libertarian speakers to address their classes.

A calling tree of eight JeffCo volunteers has been established to survey 150 Jefferson County Libertarians and ask for time and/or money to support Harry Browne, Congressional candidate Earl Allen (2nd District) and RTD Board candidate Dave Zimmerman (Region M).

"We plan to adopt precincts and pass out information on these candidates," Hatch said.

Boulder County Libertarian Party

Meeting Sunday, Aug. 18, the Libertarian Party of Boulder County voted to endorse the following Statement of Support on behalf of Gilpin County resident Laura Kriho, charged with contempt by a Gilpin County judge for arguing for jury nullification during deliberations of an impaneled jury on which she was serving and which was considering a drug case (see related story in this issue):

"We believe it is wrong to intimidate jurors by filing criminal charges against them for their deliberations in the jury room. We believe the right to trial by jury is a fundamental right under the U.S. Constitution and should not be diminished in any way. We believe the contempt charge against Ms. Kriho should be dismissed immediately and that no other punitive actions should be taken against her."

LPBC Publicity Director Ron Bain volunteered to serve as Libertarian liaison and co-organizer for a protest and jury rights rally tentatively scheduled for noon on Sept. 5th, Jury Rights Day, at the UMC Fountain on the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Call (303) 443-9179 for more details.

Denver Libertarian Party

The Denver Libertarian Activists met on Tuesday, Aug. 20 and greeted new activist Keeley Marrs from Texas. The group is planning to distribute 10,000 brochures in the Capitol Hill neighborhood to support the candidacies of David Aitken (RTD Board), Richard Combs (1st District Congress) and LP Presidential nominee Harry Browne. Volunteers are needed to assist with distribution—call Bert Wiener at (303) 934-3245.

San Luis Valley Libertarians

The June meeting of the San Luis Valley Libertarians was attended by State Chair Sandra Johnson, Affiliates Director Deborah Bishop and Campaigns Director Doug Anderson. Each board member made presentations, and lively discussions followed.

The July SLVL meeting featured a panel discussion entitled "Water Rights in a Libertarian World." Panelists included Jack Mitchell, owner of Mitchell Drilling Company, and Dennis Felmlee of the Colorado State Division of Water Resources. After more lively discussion, the general consensus was that the complicated nature of water rights requires some form of governmental administration, but not necessarily in the current form.

The August meeting proved flexible enough to shift gears from planning for Harry Browne's upcoming visit to scheduling LP vice-presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen's early September visit to Alamosa. After appearing at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo, Jorgensen will attend a seminar at Adams State College, a welcome reception and dinner at the Alamosa Inn, and a fund-raising cocktail party.

random notes

Kudos to...

- **Ron Bain** for a full-page story in the Aug. 9th *Colorado Statesman*, reprinted from last month's *Colorado Liberty*.
- **Cooper Jager** for loaning the LPC a new outreach booth and canopy, used at the State Fair in Pueblo.
- **Terry Donze**, for his excellent letter in the *Rocky Mountain News* of Aug. 7th "Libertarian Party - the serious alternative," **Chuck Wright**, who scored twice with letters in the *Colorado Daily* and *Boulder Weekly* announcing his candidacy for State House District 13, and **Sandra Johnson**, whose letter in the Aug. 24th *Denver Post* took that paper to task for failing to include Libertarians in its list of candidates, an oversight which she rectified in her letter.
- **Sue Hailey** from the JeffCo Libertarians, who donated five videotapes of Harry Browne's acceptance speech, two of which were passed on to the Adams County group.
- RTD Board candidate **David Aitken's** campaign workers **Helen Crisp**, for leafletting, and **Steve Sexuer** of **Creative American Audio**, for taping Aitken's radio ad.

Correction

The review of Harry Browne's campaign book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, by Chris Hendrickson in the August edition of the *Colorado Liberty* contained an error. The late Donald Scott, who was identified in the book review as a resident of Hawaii, was actually a resident of Malibu, Calif.

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